

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Health and Senior Services, University of Missouri and Truman State University** assume the proposal will not fiscally impact their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** assume the proposal will not fiscally impact their organization as the DOS's only role is to "collaborate" with the Department of Mental Health.

Officials from **Missouri Southern State College (MSSC)** believe the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization. MSSC officials state they have counselors on staff who can provide personal counseling on many issues including depression, suicide prevention and substance abuse. The MSSC is part of a state-wide coalition called Partner's In Prevention which is designed to reduce high risk drinking, participates in the National Depression Screening Day, and has online confidential screening for depression, alcohol abuse and eating disorders which students can use anytime.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** state this proposal does not require the training seen in other bills and only requires the development and submission of a state suicide prevention plan to the state legislature by December 31, 2004. Such plan development would be covered through current resources, and therefore, results in no fiscal impact to the DMH.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education (DHE)** state the DHE's expected involvement is not identified and, therefore, the potential cost of the proposal is unknown.

Oversight assumes since the Department of Mental Health is only required to develop a proposal for a state suicide prevention plan and submit it to the General Assembly, any costs incurred by the DHE's collaborative involvement would be minimal and, therefore, absorbable within current appropriations.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** did not respond to our request for a statement of fiscal impact. However, in response to similar legislation from the prior session, DOC officials stated it is unknown what plans may be decided on for implementation. The DOC is unsure what potential fiscal impact could result due to possible programs for employees as well as incarcerated offenders. Program development, implementation and the monitoring thereof, could result in costs as well as the need for staff. Therefore, the potential cost to the DOC is unknown at this time.

Oversight assumes potential costs to the DOC would be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources based on the Departments of Mental Health, Elementary and Secondary Education, Health and Senior Services, and Social Services responses.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires the Director of the Department of Mental Health to design and develop a state suicide prevention plan in collaboration with the departments of Social Services, Health and Senior Services, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, and Corrections. The requirements of the plan include: (1) Promoting the use of employee assistance and workplace programs to support employees experiencing depression or other psychiatric illnesses; (2) Promoting the use of student assistance and educational programs to support students with depression and other psychiatric illnesses and substance abuse disorders; (3) Providing training and technical assistance to local public health and other community-based professionals on the best practices to prevent suicides; (4) Coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies in order to collect and analyze data on suicides and suicidal behaviors in Missouri and annually issue a public report; (5) Establishing a toll-free suicide prevention hotline; and (6) Recommending statutory changes and implementation and funding requirements to the General Assembly by December 31, 2004.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Higher Education
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Mental Health
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services
Missouri Southern State College
Truman State University
University of Missouri

NOT RESPONDING: Department of Corrections



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